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PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of)	
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Serial No.: 10/042,991)	Group Art Unit: 1652
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3/20/03**ELECTION UNDER RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT****VIA FACSIMILE**

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Sir:

In response to the restriction/election requirement of February 11, 2003, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 15) and provisionally elect, with traverse, the amino acid species corresponding to SEQ ID NO:1 (claims 1-3).

Although applicants provisionally elect Group I with traverse, applicants request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered because the Examiner has not shown that a serious burden results if all the claims are examined together. M.P.E.P. § 803 provides that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the

Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." (Emphasis added.) Thus, for a restriction requirement to be proper, the Examiner must satisfy the following two criteria: (1) the existence of independent and distinct inventions and (2) the search and examination of the entire application cannot be made without serious burden. See M.P.E.P. § 803. The Examiner has not shown that the second requirement has been met. Specifically, the Examiner has not shown that it would be a serious burden to search and examine both groups together. This is particularly true as Groups I and II are in the same class and subclass and can readily be searched together. Because little or no additional burden would be required to search and examine the groups together, applicants respectfully submit that the Office should search and examine the groups together. Indeed it would be most efficient for the Patent Office to keep them together. Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction is requested.


Although Applicants provisionally elect SEQ ID NO:1, Applicants traverse the election of species requirement. As discussed in the 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a), an application may claim a reasonable number of species within a claimed genus as long as at least one genus claim encompassing all of the species is patentable. In the present claims, there are reasonable numbers of species claimed. Five overlapping sequences, SEQ ID NOS:1-3, 6, and 6, are claimed. Applicants should not be required in the present application to elect a species when applicants have not claimed an unreasonable number of species. Applicants thus respectfully request reconsideration of the election requirement. Applicants also point out that the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 is present in each of the additional claimed amino acid sequences (i.e., in SEQ ID NOS:2-3, 4, and 6). As the sequences are overlapping, it is not unreasonable to search several species of amino acid sequences. Applicants also respectfully remind the

Examiner that, should a broad claim (e.g., a claim that relates to SEQ ID NO:1) be found allowable, the search should be expanded to include additional species.

For the above reasons, reconsideration or withdrawal of the restriction requirement and a favorable consideration of the claims are requested.

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